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News Briefs

Award winner

Congratulations to **Lee Tapia**, 469th Air Base Group Finance Flight, on her selection as the Category II Civilian of the Quarter for the Kaiserslautern Military Community at a luncheon Oct. 27.

Academy grads

Congratulations to the recent graduates from the Kisling NCO Academy Class 2004-8. Graduates from Rhein-Main are: Technical sergeants **Robert Odell**, 726th Air Mobility Squadron, **Christopher Rose**, 469th Air Base Group Clinic and **Christina Scampitilla**, 469th ABG Logistics Flight.

CCAF graduation

A Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony is set for 1 p.m. Tuesday at the base chapel.

For more information, call the base education center at 330-7484.

Turkey Day dinner

The 64th Replacement Company will once again sponsor its annual Thanksgiving Day meal Nov. 25 at the company dining facility, located across the street from the Rhein-Main Passenger Terminal.

Soldiers, Airmen, family members and friends of Team Rhein-Main are invited to eat from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$5.40 per person regardless of rank and \$4.50 for dependents of E-4s and below. Children five years and under eat for free. Meals include turkey and all the trimmings.

For more information, contact 1st Lt. Catherine Booth-Calero, 64th RC executive officer.



Photo by Tech Sgt. Matt Summers

Goodies from home

Tech. Sgt. Leonard Bernsdorf, (left) deployed to Rhein-Main from the 446th Airlift Wing at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., and Airman 1st Class Brandon Gambrel, deployed from the 62nd Airlift Wing at McChord, examine the contents of one of the 211 care packages received Monday from throughout Washington. The delivery of the packages; containing letters, candy, drinks and stuffed animals; was coordinated through the 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron spouses club. The packages will go to deployed members here.

USAFE stands down to focus on Airmen well-being

By Tech. Sgt. Mona Ferrell
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) – Focusing on the time-honored tradition of Airmen taking care of Airmen, U.S. Air Forces in Europe is having a Wingman Day Nov. 8.

Consisting of a full-day stand down for the entire command, Wingman Day will focus on raising the awareness level of the Air Force's most important asset – its people, said Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander.

Wingman Day will include wing, group

and squadron-level briefings and interactive discussions down to the lowest level in flights or sections throughout the command.

"We all recognize the demand our current operational tempo places on each of us and our families," the general said. "The recent increase in suicides across our Air Force is evidence more attention is warranted on these stressors – from the top to the bottom of our chain of command."

Incorporated with the rollout of Combat Wingman, USAFE's newest combat

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Combat Wingman: A personal commitment to take care of our own

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) – In the Air Force, we take care of and rely on each other every day. Just as a flight lead and a wingman depend on one another to ensure mission success, as Air Force family members, we also have the responsibility of looking out for each other's well-being — it's wingman consideration.



This wingman consideration concept is the basis for U.S. Air Forces in Europe's newest Combat Program initiative. "Combat Wingman" capitalizes on a proud tradition that applies to our entire Air Force family. Regardless of rank, duty title or position, we all own the responsibility of looking out for and supporting one another.

The Combat Wingman concept is nothing new. We often look to others such as spiritual advisors, spouses, life skills professionals and dorm managers for help. Combat Wingman is designed to take this a step further and broaden our radar scope.

The foundation of this program is built on commitment at a personal level. Combat Wingman is a sacred contract that promotes a genuine concern for our Airmen — and I mean our military and civilian Airmen — and their families through mutual, self-directed relationships with each other.

Don't mistake this for a mentoring program and don't think it's only targeting one specific area or problem. Combat Wingman is a program that emphasizes wellness across the board while focusing on our most important asset — you.

Combat Wingman is not something that can be left at the door at the end of the day. As guardians of each other's well being, we are devoted to encouraging camaraderie and unit pride, looking

United States Air Forces in Europe

COMBAT PROGRAMS

Combat Education
Making advanced education as user-friendly as possible

Combat Flightline
Ensuring the best people and right resources are applied to our flying operations

Combat Touch
Focusing on the spiritual needs and well-being of our airmen and their families

Combat Intro/Exit
Streamline base inprocessing and outprocessing procedures

Combat Fitness
Improving the fitness of our airmen to meet the demands of our combat culture

Combat Nighthawk
Providing leadership/career-broadening opportunities to our officers/airmen

Combat Proud
Improving the appearance of our bases to foster pride and productivity

Combat Care
Improve the care, resources, attention, and information flow spouses and families receive while the military member is deployed

SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

Hidden Heroes
Recognizing people and programs that make a difference

Project CHEER
Creating an environment of energy and enthusiasm for our airmen

Customer College
Educating our people on how to best take care of their customers

Project Wizard
Increasing the opportunities to study and explore through libraries

Project Connect
Enhancing the professional development of junior officers on a one-on-one basis

Project SMART
Promoting the "Safety Culture" and focusing on individual responsibility for personal risk management

out for one another and preventing destructive behavior.

I would ask that you make it your personal commitment to proudly carry on the timeless tradition of being a good wingman. It's time to check in!

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program, Wingman Day will focus on the whole-person wellness approach using the four dimensions of wellness model, said Col. (Dr.) Mark Ediger, USAFE Surgeon General director.

"Wellness is the major deterrent to suicide and key to living a fulfilling life," said Dr. Ediger. "The four dimensions of wellness — our physical, emotional, social and spiritual anchors — enhance our resilience and prepare us to weather the storms and stressors of work and our lives in general. The four dimensions also give us a useful framework for assessing the strength of our wingmen to weather their storms."

The four dimensions of wellness go beyond individual awareness, said Gen. John P. Jumper, Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

"When we join the Air Force, we become a part of a unique culture, and the foundation of this 'Culture of Airmen' is our core values — integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do," General Jumper said. "This culture and these core values compel us as Airmen to take care of one another."

While the wingman concept is not new, Wingman Day and Combat Wingman are being used collectively to broaden the ra-

darscope, General Foglesong said.

"We can all be proud of our accomplishments over the last two years making our nation a safer place," the general said. "Our USAFE mission has played a significant role to this end. But, now more than ever it is imperative that we check each other's six."

"Wingman Day is kicking our efforts off, but this isn't a program that can be put to bed at the end of the day," he continued. "It's our duty and responsibility to institute Combat Wingman in our daily lives. We all need to be good wingmen and be guardians of each other's well being."

Fire!

Senior Airman Michael Nix, 469th Air Base Group Security Forces Flight, puts lead downrange while wearing his gas mask, hood, eye glass inserts, cotton glove inserts and rubber gloves. Effective Oct. 1, all Airmen who have to fire the M-16 must wear this additional equipment for a portion of the firing qualification according to Air Force Manual 36-2227 Volume 1. Personnel who show up for training without the required equipment will not be allowed to fire.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

Veterans Day: Continuing the Legacy

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

On Veteran's Day, we take time to acknowledge and honor America's heroes — the men and women who currently wear and have worn the uniform in our country's defense.

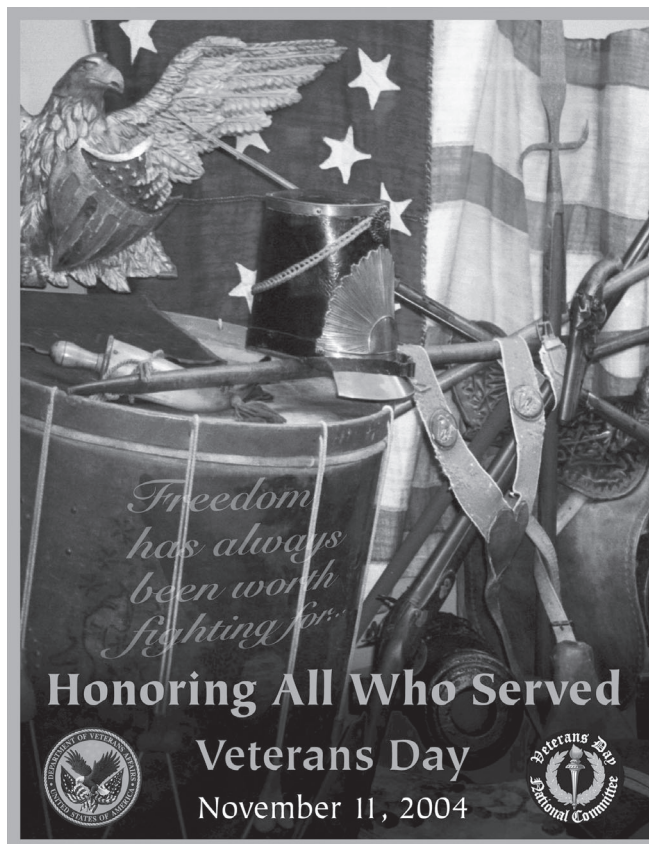
As we pause to pay respect to our veterans' service, we are reminded that they represent the courage and dedication that are the cornerstones of liberty. It's with a deep sense of gratitude that I thank all veterans for their commitment and service. Without you, our nation wouldn't have the freedoms we enjoy today.

Veterans have served our nation in both war and peace and many have paid dearly, physically and mentally, during their service. Today, we continue to build on the legacy of those who served before us.

This legacy is visible as I travel and talk with the great men and women of USAFE. We appreciate your dedication, professionalism and focus which ensures continued mission success.

From supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom to humanitarian operations in Europe and Africa, you are performing the hard and dangerous work required to bring peace and stability to the troubled spots of the world.

To the veterans, thank you for the legacy of excellence you have given us. Your service and dedication to our nation and to the ideals America represents are second to none!



Put things in perspective

If you think closing Rhein-Main during the course of the next year will be a logistical and operational challenge – consider this: planning and launching the largest land and airborne assault in military history – requiring you to advance more than 100 km through enemy held territory. You would have more than 35,000 airborne and land troops along with 2,500 gliders and tow planes at your disposal but only seven days to plan and launch this operation!

About 340 km or three hours from Rhein-Main is a town in Holland called Arnhem. The town was made famous by the World War II battle known as the “Bridge Too Far”. Though relegated by some to the footnotes of military history, this battle lasted only 10 days but is considered one of the biggest gambles of the war.

The goal was to end the war in Europe by Christmas 1944. In the end, this battle was judged a disaster for the failure to achieve its primary objective: Seizing the bridge at Arnhem and thus opening the way for Allied armor into the north of Germany and eventually Berlin.

The plan appeared simple on the surface: Seize a series of six bridges before the Germans could destroy them, while fighting up the same road with armor and infantry.

Known as Operation MARKET GARDEN, it was divided into two components. MARKET consisted of an airborne assault by American, British,

and Polish Airborne while GARDEN was the armor and infantry portion consisting of British tanks and troops. The airborne attack was intended to lay a carpet of troops along a narrow corridor extending approximately 80 miles into Holland from the town of Eindhoven northward to the town of Arnhem.

The success of the entire operation hinged on the success of both components. If either one failed in its objective then the other was doomed to fail.



*By Capt.
Christopher Aliphath
469th Air Base Group
Mission Support
Flight*

British Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery devised the plan. Because of the massive amount of resources needed to pull off such an operation, Supreme Allied Commander, General Dwight Eisenhower had to decide between putting the resources of men and material towards this operation or support General George Patton’s plan of thrusting into Germany while the

Germans were still retreating. He chose Montgomery’s plan.

Unfortunately, a series of events along with bad luck and timing, led to the failure of the operation. You name it, it was probably a culprit. From believing bad intelligence and ignoring good intelligence, to bad weather and faulty equipment, many consider the operation doomed from the start.

The supply line ran long and was

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The Action Line is one way for me to keep my finger on the pulse of the Rhein-Main community and is used as an avenue for communication.

The main objective of the Commander’s Action Line is finding solutions to problems or providing explanations for processes.

If you experience problems at Rhein-Main, you should always try to resolve problems at the lowest level by contacting the unit or agency managers. In almost every case, your chain of command is the best solution. I strongly encourage everyone to use that route first. When normal channels haven’t been able to resolve your issues, feel free to send an e-mail to Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil or call 330-7779. Please include your name and contact information along with your concern.

Action Lines are forwarded to the appropriate agency for action and response. They should contact you within 24 hours. Once an Action Line is started, the agency must provide a complete answer to me within 10 days.

The 469th Air Base Group Public Affairs Office is responsible for managing the Action Line program on my behalf. If you have any questions, call Public Affairs.



*Col. Bradley Denison
Commander, 469th Air Base Group*

330-7779

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Warriors of the Week



Staff Sgt. Dawne Cornett

Unit: 469th Air Base Group Logistics Flight
Time in Air Force: 14 years
Time at Rhein-Main: 3 and a half years
Duty Title: NCO in charge of plans and programs
Hometown: Mason, Ohio
Hobbies: Drawing, quilting and reading.
What has been your best Air Force experience?
 Working in the 352nd Special Operations Group at Royal Air Force Mildenhall.

469th Air Base Group Logistics Flight



Master Sgt. Robert Bayham

Unit: 469th Air Base Group Logistics Flight
Time in Air Force: 18 years
Time at Rhein-Main: 9 months
Duty Title: Aerospace Ground Equipment/Transient Alert quality assurance evaluator
Hometown: Phoenix, Ariz.
Hobbies: Coaching youth soccer and travelling.
What has been your best Air Force experience?
 Making master sergeant.

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limited to a narrow levee road that was susceptible to constant enemy fire. Known as "Hell's Highway", this one element is considered by most military experts as the weakest link of the whole scheme.

The heart of the battle was located at the end of "Hell's Highway" at the bridge in Arnhem. There, British paratroopers held on for 10 days waiting for ground forces to arrive and relieve them. They fought in the most grueling of combat environments and held on for five days longer than they were supposed to. In the end, reaching Arnhem was considered a lofty goal – just a "Bridge Too Far".

To learn more about this important battle check out this website:
www.rememberseptember44.com.

It's one of the best I have seen on the subject and covers all you need to know to get started on your history road trip. Also check out the book "A Bridge Too Far" by Cornelius Ryan.

For those not into reading, you may want to watch the movie of the same name. The movie cast a brilliant line of actors such as Sean Connery, Robert Redford, Michael Caine, Gene Hackman and Anthony Hopkins, just to name a few.

Most portrayed real-life characters in the battle who were just as, if not more, flamboyant than their actor counterparts.

Though Hollywood took some liberties in historical accuracy for the sake of the box office buck, the movie is considered one of the best portrayals of the events that took place from Sept. 17-25, 1944.

So next time you are bored on the weekend, take a road trip up to Arnhem and visit one of the most significant battle sites in World War II history.

Take the time to remember those who came before us – those who fought and died to free others. You'll be glad you did.

CFC continues

The 2004-2005 Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas continues through Dec. 15.

Campaign goals are established in each geographic area by the local federal coordinating committee and are available through the installation CFC project officers.

Master Sgt. Arlin Brutlag, 469th Air Base Group Communications Flight, is the CFC chairman for Rhein-Main. Each flight and tenant unit on base should also have a CFC representative appointed.

To find out more about the campaign at Rhein-Main, call 330-7823.





Around Rhein-Main

Court-martial

Senior Airman Derek Claflin, 469th Air Base Group, was convicted of misbehavior of a sentinel or lookout under Article 113 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice during a summary court-martial held Sept. 23 at Rhein-Main.

The court sentenced Airman Claflin to reduction to E-3 and 25 days of hard labor without confinement.

Dental care

The 469th Air Base Group Clinic currently provides dental appointments for family members of active-duty personnel, unlike many neighboring community medical facilities.

The clinic staff encourages members to

be proactive in seeking care for dependents beyond the closure of the Rhein-Main dental treatment facility in June 2005. Availability for dependents to be seen by a military dentist may be limited or nonexistent at other military installations overseas or even in the United States.

Military members can enroll in the TRICARE Dental Program through the United Concordia Companies, Inc.

Monthly premiums are currently \$9.07 for one family member and \$22.66 for multiple family members. Enrollment is available online. Applications must be received by the 20th day of each month for coverage to begin the first day of the following month. If an application is received after the 20th day, coverage will begin on the first day of the second month.

More information is available at www.ucci.com or by calling the TRICARE Service Center at 330-4265 or 069-6971-9265.

Measure your words

As a reminder to military members, both enlisted and officers, it is illegal to use contemptuous words against the office holders described in Title 10, United States Code, Section 888.

This includes the President, Vice President, Congress, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of any military department, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Governor or legislature of any state, territory, commonwealth, or possession in which he or she is on duty or present.

Changes made to Air Force drug testing program to target those most likely to use

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — A recent change to the Air Force's drug testing program aims to further reduce the number of substance abusers by targeting Airmen most likely to use them.

The Air Force began its "Smart Testing" program Oct. 1, at three major commands. Under the program, individuals in the group shown to most likely use illicit drugs are being tested at a higher frequency than the rest of the population. That target group includes those in the ranks of airman basic through senior airman and first and second lieutenants, said Col. Wayne Talcott, community protection division chief of the Air Force Medical Support Agency at Brooks City-Base, Texas.

"What we are really trying to do with Smart Testing is target the portion of our population that has the highest prevalence of drug use," he said. "That is basically 18-25 year olds."

Colonel Talcott said Department of Defense research shows the target group is four times more likely to have a positive urinalysis than the remainder of the force. He also said that while the group makes up only 40 percent of the Air Force's total end strength, they are responsible for 86 percent of positive drug tests.

As part of Smart Testing, the Air Force will increase the number of random drug tests it performs on the target group to equal the number of people in the group, said Colonel Talcott.

"We have already started Smart Testing at three major com-

mands," he said. "Slowly, through the rest of October and into November you'll see Smart Testing across the Air Force."

The Air Force previously used a test rate of 64 percent per year, Colonel Talcott said. This means that of 376,900 Airmen, about 241,220 drug tests would be performed during the course of the year.

In October, the test rate for the target group increased, though it remained at 64 percent for the rest of the people. Colonel Talcott said the system is fair because names are chosen at random by computer.

"We have a software program that has a listing of all the active duty (Airmen) that are subject to drug testing," Colonel Talcott said. "The software selects names randomly for the numbers of tests we intend to run."

He also said that after a name is selected for drug testing, it is immediately put back into the system.

"That's often called 'selection with replacement,'" Colonel Talcott added. "That means that once you have been selected and tested, your name goes right back in the hopper for the next time they pull names."

Because names are put back into the system and because they are drawn randomly, individuals cannot predict when they will be tested, or how many times they will be tested during the year, Colonel Talcott said.

For Airmen in the target group, what they can predict is that they are more likely to be tested now than they were in the past.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Matt Summers

Red Ribbon Week

(Above) Lisa Floyd Brown, Rhein-Main Demand Reduction Program manager, gives directions to Casey Crawford, a first grader at Halvorsen Elementary School, as he negotiates an obstacle course while wearing goggles that simulate drunkenness. (Right) Joey Hansen, a second grader, checks out the M-16 with the help of Staff Sgt. Michael Logan, 469th Air Base Group Security Forces Flight, during Red Ribbon Week activities at the school Oct. 29. The week is a time for gratitude for all the lives that remain drug free, a time to pledge to live a safe and drug-free life and a time to remember those we have lost in the fight against drugs, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Web site.



Defense act increases pay, benefits

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President George Bush signed the \$420.6 billion National Defense Authorization Act Oct. 28.

The bill makes up 19.9 percent of the total fiscal 2005 federal budget and 3.6 percent of the gross domestic product. Last year, the percentages were 20.2 percent and 3.8 percent, respectively.

The authorization act is the second of two bills that had to become law for the Defense Department to operate. The first is the Defense Appropriations Act, which the president signed into law Aug. 5. The appropriations act provides the money; the authoriza-

tion act gives DoD the OK to spend it.

The bill raises the end-strength level of the Army and Marine Corps by 20,000 and 3,000, respectively. Army end-strength will be set at 502,000; Marines, 178,000.

In addition, the bill funds a 3.5 percent across-the-board pay raise for servicemembers and eliminates out-of-pocket expenses for housing by increasing the basic allowance for housing. The bill also makes permanent increases in hostile fire/imminent danger pay to \$225 per month and in family separation pay to \$250 per month.

The bill also allows the base realignment and closure process to move forward. The House version of the bill would have

delayed the process for two years.

On the family- and bachelor-housing front, the bill eliminates a statutory ceiling on the privatization of housing. In the program, which allows DoD to leverage public money with private contractors, the services can build and renovate family and bachelor housing.

The bill also speeds up concurrent-receipt payments for retirees rated 100 percent disabled. In the past, retirees had their pay docked dollar for dollar by the amount of disability payments the Department of Veterans Affairs paid them. Last year, Congress authorized a phase-in process that would eliminate the concurrent-receipt prohibition over a decade.

Rhein-Main blotter

compiled by Tech. Sgt. Mark Long

Sept. 28 — Patrols responded to tent city to determine whether a soldier on Rest and Recuperation was intoxicated, a violation of General Order Number One. The soldier was detained for intoxication.

Sept. 29 — Patrols detained a soldier at the main gate once they confirmed the soldier was in deserter status.

Sept. 30 — Patrols detained an individual at the shoppette for trespassing. During a search, patrols found an illegal knife on the suspect. Patrols then went to the suspect's sponsor's home and detained the sponsor for failure to control a guest.

Oct. 3 — Patrols responded to a housing unit because a child had locked his mother and siblings in the bathroom and would not let them out. When patrols responded, the child barricaded himself in his bedroom. After 20 minutes of negotiation the child came out of his room and unlocked the bathroom door.

Oct. 3 — A patrol detained a soldier for operating a vehicle without a U.S. Army Europe drivers license. The soldier said his license was in his barracks room in Hanau. Security forces personnel ran a drivers license check and it came back negative for a license. Military police personnel at Hanau confirmed the soldier did not have a license. He will not be able to receive a drivers license for six months.

Oct. 6 — An Airman was brought to the security forces control center for showing up to work late and possibly drunk. Patrols made contact with the Airman and confirmed the smell of alcohol coming from the Airman. He was given an Intoxilizer test to confirm his intoxication level.

Oct. 15 — Patrols responded to a call for a soldier who needed medical attention at the 64th Replacement Company. The soldier had a severe laceration above one eye. Three witnesses said the soldier was

Crime Stop Hotline
330-7171

assaulted by two individuals and provided descriptions. A search was conducted and two suspects were detained. They admitted to striking the soldier.

Oct. 25 — Patrols apprehended an NCO who was drunk, belligerent and used provoking speech and gestures towards senior NCOs.

Oct. 30 — The WISAG security guards reported two female visitors who were trying to exit the main gate without their escort. The females said the escort told them they could depart tent city and exit the base on their own. Patrols detained the escort.

Oct. 31 — Patrols detained an individual at the housing gate who verbally abused and used profane language to the WISAG security guards when they asked for the individual's vehicle registration. The driver first refused and when the guard asked a second time the individual began the verbal tirade.



DUI Tracker

Days without DUIs (As of Tuesday)

469th Air Base Group
2 days
726th Air Mobility Squadron
279 days
64th Replacement Company
170 days

Tenant Units
135 days
Others
97 days

The 469th ABG Top IV provides a

fund at the main gate for permanent party personnel who take a taxi back to the base instead of driving while intoxicated.

The money used must be reimbursed the next duty day.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



**Photos by
Tech. Sgt. Matt Summers**



(Clockwise from top left) Ty Yocum and Daniel Kirk carve pumpkins Oct. 28 during the base chapel youth group meeting. Trick or treaters hit the pavement in Gateway Gardens Oct. 29 in the final Halloween celebration at Rhein-Main. A tombstone in the graveyard at the youth center's haunted house. A creature puts the scare into youngsters at the haunted house.

Sports briefs

Flag football

The Rhein-Main Wildcats bantam flag football team finished the regular season undefeated at 7-0 with a 46-6 drubbing of Hanau Saturday.

The 10-12-year-olds will play Wiesbaden in the first round of the 104th Area Support Group flag football tournament Saturday at Giessen.

Youth soccer

The Rhein-Main Red Socks junior soccer team, composed of 13-15-year-olds, defeated Giessen 5-1 Saturday.

The team advanced to the first round of the playoffs at 9 a.m. Saturday in Dexheim.

The Rhein-Main bantam soccer team won 2-1 and lost 1-0 in the 221st Base Support Battalion tournament Saturday. Next they will face Wiesbaden in the first round of the 104th ASG tournament at 10:15 a.m. Saturday in Hanau.

Varsity soccer

The Rhein-Main Varsity Soccer Team practices each week in the youth center gym.

Racquetball tourney

The base fitness center sponsors a racquetball tournament at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Call 330-6062 for more details.

Turkey trot

The base fitness center sponsors a 5K Turkey Trot Fun Run at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 22 at the fitness center.

Basketball registration

The youth center will conduct youth basketball registration Nov. 15 thru Dec. 15 for ages 5 - 15.

Call 330-7125 for more information.

USAFE bowling

The Vogelweh Bowling Center will host the U.S. Air Forces in Europe 2004 Bowl-

ing Tournament Dec. 6 - 9.

All U.S. Military ID cardholders assigned to Europe - to include active duty, civilians, family members (who are at least 18 and have completed school) and people TDY 30 days or longer are eligible to compete in this championship.

The top active duty Air Force male and female could receive an invite to the Air Force Trial and Training Camp at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Jan. 2 - 8, depending on their final tournament average.

Participants are responsible for all lodging and transportation expenses. There is a \$34 entry fee per individual or \$136 for a four-person team for the tournament. The tournament registration deadline is Dec. 2.

Further information can be obtained by contacting tournament director, at DSN

489-6543.

FitLinxx

Many members of Team Rhein-Main have noticed the FitLinxx pop-up when they log on to their computer each morning.

Rhein-Main currently uses the FitLinxx Online service to track individuals workouts and allow commanders to monitor and track people in their respective units.

Several base fitness centers in the Air Force use the FitLinxx System, which counts repetitions, reminds customers of their previous workout weights and provides a goal to achieve.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Summers

Varsity tryouts

Mark Cave, 469th Air Base Group Legal Office, hits a jumper during a three-on-two drill Wednesday during varsity basketball tryouts at the base fitness center. The Rhein-Main Rockets varsity basketball team will conduct its final tryout at 6 p.m. Monday. Varsity coaches are Tony Jordan and Shay Jackson. Cave and Douglas Boyce are the only returning players from last year's squad. The Rockets open the season Nov. 20 vs. SHAPE.

Family month celebration

Several base agencies have teamed up to sponsor a cookout and free showing of "Shark Tale" to celebrate National Military Family Month in November.

The cookout will begin at 4 p.m. at the youth center gym and the movie at 5 p.m. Saturday at the base theater.

Participants should stop by the family support center in Bldg. 347 or "Our House" to pick up free tickets.

Call 330-7992 for more details.

Holiday cards

The Team Rhein-Main Holiday Card contest is under way. Participating organizations can pick up supplies at the Self-Help Store in Bldg. 84.

Completed cards must be turned in to the Self-Help Store by Nov. 19. Prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100 are up for grabs for organizations and \$200, \$100 and \$50 for youth groups.

Winners will be announced at the base tree lighting ceremony. For more information, call 330-6675.

Z-Haus closure

The Zeppelinhaus Consolidated Club officially closed Oct. 29.

Chapel Worship

The following worship opportunities are offered by the Rhein-Main Chapel:

■ Catholic worship:

Sunday Mass – 9 a.m. every Sunday.

Chapel fellowship – 10 a.m.

CCD – 10:30 a.m.

■ Protestant worship:

Sunday School – 9 a.m.

Chapel fellowship – 10 a.m.

Worship and Kids Own Church take place every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.



Breakfast and lunch meals are now offered at the Rocket Sports Lounge beginning Nov. 1. Breakfast hours are 6:30 - 9 a.m. and lunch is from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Rocket will continue to offer dinner from 5 to 11:30 p.m.

Beginning Nov. 1, club dues at Rhein-Main were reduced to \$6 a month for officers and \$3 for enlisted.

Blast off

The Rocket Sports Lounge offers a DJ spinning the hits Thursdays from 8 p.m. to midnight and Saturdays from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The lounge offers karaoke from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. every Friday.

Jazz exhibit

"The Frankfurt Sound – A Time Travel in Jazz," is an audiovisual exhibit celebrating Frankfurt as the "Capitol of Jazz" in Germany. The exhibit runs through Nov. 28 in the Karmeliterkloster at Münzgasse 9 near the Römer.

Previously unreleased photos and recordings and video compilations create what organizers claim is a "Time Travel in Jazz."

Babysitting class

The family support center and American Red Cross have teamed up to offer a Red Cross Babysitting Course from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at Our House.

Participants must be at least 12 years old. Lunch will be provided.

Call the FSC at 330-7992 to sign up.

Auto skills

The auto skills center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

The center will close permanently Dec. 1. Call 330-7467 for details.

Airmen's dinner

The Rhein-Main Community Spouses Club sponsors an annual Airmen's Dinner from 5 - 7 p.m. Nov. 16 at the base chapel annex.

A Thanksgiving-type meal will be served to single, unaccompanied and transient TDY troops. The club needs donations

Movies at Rhein-Main

Tonight - "Exorcist: The Beginning," (R), 7 p.m.

Saturday - "Superbabies: Baby Geniuses," (PG), 2 p.m., "Shark Tale," (PG), 5 p.m. (free showing) and "Suspect Zero," (R), 7:30 p.m.

Sunday - "Black Cloud," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Wednesday - "Surviving Christmas," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Nov. 11 - "Shark Tale," (PG), noon, "I, Robot," (PG-13), 2:30 p.m. and "Troy," (R), 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 12 - "Vanity Fair," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Nov. 13 - "The Cookout," (PG-13), 5 p.m., and "Taxi," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 14 - "Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Nov. 17 - "Ray," (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Movies and times are subject to change.

Movie schedules for local communities can be found at

www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp

For sale

1990 BMW 525, 4-dr., gray interior/exterior, 250Km - \$2,500 OBO; mini-fridge(like new) - \$100; 21" TV (like new) - \$100; microwave (like new) - \$50. Contact Lou or Dasha at 0174-436-6508.

of mashed or sweet potatoes, stuffing or desserts. Donations should be brought in disposable containers.

For more details, contact Barb Swingle.

Dachau trip

The FSC sponsors a free trip to the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Nov. 20.

Deployed personnel have priority to sign up until the close of business today. All others may sign up beginning Monday.

The bus will leave the Zeppelinhaus at 7 a.m. and the shoppette at 7:15 a.m. and return at approximately 8 p.m.

Call 330-7992 or stop by the FSC to sign up.



Photos by Marco Leipold



(Left) Opel Skyliners' guard Pascal Roller sets up a play during the German Basketball league final last year vs. GHP Bamberg. The Skyliners won the title with a 3-2 series win over Bamberg. (Above) Mario Kasun, last season's starting center recently signed with the NBA's Orlando Magic.

Hoops action heats up cold nights



Day Trippin'

By Tech. Sgt. Matt Summers
Public Affairs

If the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens proved nothing else, the United States men's basketball team was made to sit up and take notice that the rest of the world has nearly caught up in terms of skill.

During pre-Olympic contests at the Köln Arena, the men's team lost to Italy 95-78 and eked out an 80-77 victory over Germany on a buzzer beater by Allen Iverson.

Basketball fans who want to see more examples of how far European players have come in catching up to the skill level of the National Basketball Association need travel no farther than the Ballsporthalle in Frankfurt-Höchst.

The Opel Skyliners, defending champions of the German Basketball Bundesliga, were 2-2 at press time in league play and 0-1 in Euroleague play.

For the first time in three years the Skyliners will compete against 23 of continent's best teams for the title of best in Europe. The match play ends in February with the playoffs immediately following.

The Skyliners opened the season Oct. 22 with two Americans on the squad, 6-foot-4 guard Tyrone Ellis and 6-7 forward Chris Williams.

The team will play the season without former center Mario Kasun, who was recently signed by the Orlando Magic.

Returning team captain Pascal Roller was named player of the year in the German League for the 2003-2004 season.

"This basketball organization will be one of the most important in Europe in four or five years," said new Skyliners' head coach Murat Didin during an interview with Euroleague representatives. "I have great working facilities, everything seems to be under control and we even have two youth teams in the German second division. All these efforts will pay off in the long run."

The German basketball season runs through April 2005.

The next league home game for Opel is 3 p.m. Nov. 14 vs. Union Baskets Schwelm.

The Skyliners face the defending French league champion, Pau-Orthez, in Euroleague action at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17.

If you go...



The Frankfurter Ballsporthalle is located near the Main Taunus Zentrum, just off A-66. Take A-5 towards Frankfurt and then take A-648 at Westkreuz. Stay on A-648 and head towards Wiesbaden on A-66. After passing the Main Taunus Zentrum, look for the "Jahrhunderthalle" exit. Take this exit and follow the signs for the Jahrhunderthalle. You will come to the Ballsporthalle before reaching the Jahrhunderthalle. Driving time is approximately 15 minutes.



The Skyliners play home games at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 3 p.m. Sundays.



Discount tickets are available at the USO Office in the Rhein-Main Passenger Terminal and at the Hainerberg shopping center in Wiesbaden. Ticket prices range from 5 to 10 Euro and must be paid for in cash. Call the USO at 330-6424 for more details. Ticket prices at the Ballsporthalle vary from 10 to 20 Euros for adults and 5 to 15 Euros for students, seniors and children under 17. The Skyliners' ticket hotline is 069-9288-7619 and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.



For more information log onto www.opel-skyliners.de and click on the Union Jack flag at the top for the English version of the site.